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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/500,585 for
GENE FUNCTION INFERRING USING
GENE EXPRESSION DATA
Our Ref. No. 1392/10/12 PCT/US

Sir:

Please find enclosed the following:

1. Response to Restriction Requirement (3 pages); and
2. A return-receipt postcard to be returned to our offices with the U.S. Patent and Trademark filing stamp thereon.

Please contact our offices if there are any questions.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the filing of this correspondence to Deposit Account No. 50-0426.

Respectfully submitted,

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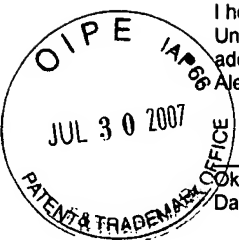
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is responsive to the Restriction/Election Requirement dated June 27, 2007, having a 1-month term for Response that will expire on July 27, 2007. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Election and Remarks.

RESTRICTION PRESENTED

The claims have been restricted into the following groups of species:

Specie A: a parameter that is ecotype